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which it seems to be, Senator Simon's amendment helps address that and I would certainly think that everybody could at least agree to try and put this bill in a shape that would allow maximum flexibility and then we could discuss the philosophical concept, so I would support Senator Simon's amendment and I might add that copies are being handed out for people to look at. It does amend the bill and the bill amends an existing statute as Senator Lamb read some of the language from that statute. So I think the Simon amendment is acceptable no matter what your philosophy is as far as lifeline rates.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Simon for purposes of closing on his amendment.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, I can basically only echo the comments of Senator Fowler. It never ceases to amaze me, those people who tend to have a more conservative nature and are the ones that are always the strongest proponents for local control seem to be flexible enough that when the time comes to provide for that local control, they don't want it. They don't want it, Senator Lamb, but it is interesting to note how flexible you are on the issue of local control. Sometimes it is okay. Sometimes it is not. This amendment provides more flexibility to provide that. Now I wouldn't be surprised if you are opposed to the bill and if you vote against it and that certainly is your prerogative as a member of this body but I would suggest to you and to other members of the body who have concerns about the bill, to adopt the amendment because this does some of the things that you want it to do. It provides for more flexibility at the local level so that they don't have to offer the lowest cost available but can offer any price in between that, from the bottom price up to what they are currently charging and that I think you really want. So I know it is difficult but please try to look at the amendment separately. It is something that you should support philosophically. Then we can discuss the merits or lack of merits as may be the case as far as you are concerned on LB 460. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Simon amendment to LB 460. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is on the Simon amendment to LB 460. Have you all voted? We are voting on the Simon amendment to LB 460. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.